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**Civilian Control**

Editor, Tribune: Every American, man or woman, is deeply concerned about this question: are we heading towards military dictatorship? Have the armed forces, represented by the Pentagon, become so powerful physically that they can ignore the decisions of the elected civil administrators in the areas of domestic and foreign affairs? When Pres. Eisenhower was in Paris to attend the conference of the big leaders, a U-2 was sent over Russian territory by the Central Intelligence Agency, which is part of the Pentagon. And wasn't this the thing that torpedoed the convention and prevented Pres. Eisenhower from being invited to Russia for a good-will visit? Pres. Eisenhower claimed responsibility. What else could he do? Yet this Central Intelligence Agency knows practically all that goes on in Russia. Why did this agency miss the forty big Russian missiles which arrived and were installed in Cuba since this agency has many informers in Russia and in Cuba? Why was Pres. Kennedy not informed before the arrival of the missiles in Cuba and before they were installed and pointed towards the heart of this country?

Is it a known fact now that the Central Intelligence Agency had instructed the leaders of the Bay of Pigs invasion forces that if orders came from the White House to cancel the invasion that they were to ignore the orders and go ahead with the invasion. As an American citizen and a full believer in our democracy and in the form of government which places the civil over the military, may we not keep the great American tradition, started and developed by our wise forefathers, working for us and thus always keeping the military power under civil direction, leadership, and control.

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**Russian Character**

Editor the Star:

In an editorial entitled "Russian Character Hasn't Changed" (the Star, Sept. 19) you cite instances of 19th century diplomats lamenting the general Russian practice of rifling their documents, dispatches and personal mail. The very tone and title of the editorial imply that this behavior is but indicative of more universal Russian characteristics, such as deviousness, discourtesy and mistrust.

There are several things to be said of this assertion. For one, the Russian peoples for centuries have been subject to invasion by hostile armies from both east and west. Perhaps we Americans, occupying the width of a continent, find it difficult to appreciate geographical conditions tending to encourage a natural suspicion of strangers, in this case the diplomatic representatives of foreign powers.

For another thing, certain materials recently published in this country, ranging from works describing the infiltrating and manipulating activities of the CIA to such studies as "The Naked Society" and "The Brain Watchers," would indicate that Americans are also quite adept in matters of prying and spying.

Most telling, however, is the simple fact that anyone who has had the slightest experience with families and communities of Russian descent can only observe that the hospitality and abundant, pervasive warmth of the people provide an example which all the rest of the world can (and should) envy, diplomatic intrigues notwithstanding.

It is not so much the unfairness of your remarks to which I object, nor the pretentiousness (with the heady appeals to history). What I condemn rather is their pettiness and meanness of spirit.

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**The Whole Story?**

The Russians are planning to publish the best-selling novel "Seven Days in May" in an attempt to show that American militarists oppose disarmament.

Of course they'll run the chapters about a Pentagon plot to take over the White House and end a U.S.-Russian agreement to scrap nuclear missiles. But we wonder if they'll include the part about the CIA's discovery that the Russians were cheating on the treaty.

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